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The City of Hartford is building up and residents and businesses are moving in! It is an exciting time here in the Capital City. Under the leadership of Mayor Eddie Perez, Hartford is experiencing unprecedented investment. The progress downtown captures a lot of headlines, but real estate dreams are becoming a reality in all of Hartford's seventeen neighborhoods. This makes Hartford a des-

tinuation for visitors, jobs, new residents and students alike.

There are 29 development projects either completed, under construction, or on the horizon. This does not include all the school construction and renovation projects underway. No matter how you look at it, the foundation is being laid for a stronger and more vibrant city. Hartford has come a long way from being a 9 to 5 city - Mayor Perez says soon it will be a 24/7 destination!

For starters, the finished development projects include the \$33 million transformation of the 392-room Hilton Hartford. This four-star facility features wireless Internet access, a full service restaurant, and an indoor swimming pool. Mayor Perez believes the big-



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gest plus is that 122 former employees were retained and another 100 jobs were created to better

serve our visitors. The Marriott is another internationally known hotel, now located downtown. It is

connected to the Connecticut Convention Center that offers the largest exhibition hall between New York and Boston.

Housing opportunities are booming in Hartford. The Goodwin Estates, in the city's West End, consists of 56 luxury townhouses. An old office building at 266 Pearl St. in downtown Hartford has now been renovated into 50 condominiums called The Metropolitan. And for renters, there's Trumbull on the Park, a 100-unit development that includes 12 historic buildings, right near Bushnell Park, the nation's oldest public park.

Commercial development is making a comeback in the Insurance City. From Marshalls anchoring the Charter Oak Marketplace to a Save-A-Lot grocery store highlighting the first major development in more than 30-years in the Clay Arsenal neighborhood, Hartford residents have more shopping choices. Also new is the Car-Max Auto Super Store in the North Meadows section of the city.

In the works: Progress is being made on the Temple St. project. That's the former Sage Allen department store being transformed into 78-market-rate apartments, 12,000 s/f of retail space, and 42 units of student housing. The Colt Firearms Complex is getting a makeover. The \$120 million investment will yield residential, commercial, and retail space, all while being on track of being established as a National Park.

Other housing opportunities include: Dutch Point, 915 Main St., 410 Asylum St., 390 Capital Ave., and more, for at least 250 more condos and more than 250 rental units as well. Mayor Perez stresses an important fact: that the prices run the gambit. He says, "From affordable to affluent, there is housing for all."

Two development projects are helping to change Hartford's skyline. At Hartford 21, residents will have an incredible birds-eye view of the region. At the new Connecticut Science Center, students and families will have unparalleled learning opportunities. Hartford 21 opens this fall and the Science Center will be ready in 2008.

But Mayor Perez says, "Hartford's future is now. Real estate is the new reality. Proper planning of roads, sidewalks, and lighting are connecting resurging neighborhoods and reconnecting people with the riverfront. Individually, these projects are exciting but collectively they are building a sustainable momentum, hence the name Hartford: New England's Rising Star."